

FARMERS' INSTITUTE HELD IN WINCHESTER

Sessions in Future Will Be Held Each Year.
Many Transfers of Ministers Likely to Be
Made at Baltimore Conference.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Winchester, Va., March 17.—The farmers' institute which was held here two days last week, is to be made a permanent organization, and one will be held each year from now on, and the time extended from two days to five days, and the meetings will be held on much larger scale than heretofore. The crowds were so large on the last day of the institute that the City Hall Auditorium could not begin to hold all who desired to participate in the meeting. All the addresses made by State officials were very entertaining and informing, and the visiting speakers encouraged the committee in charge to broaden the scope of the organization.

Twenty-seven transfers of ministers are certain to be made by the Baltimore Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at its session in Baltimore, Md., beginning on March 27, and more are expected. It will be known as a moving year for pastors, twenty-seven of whom have served four years at their respective stations, and under the laws of the church they will have to go elsewhere. Bishop Murray will preside, if he arrives from the Orient in time, otherwise Bishop Collins Denny, of Richmond, will preside over the deliberations of the conference. The Virginia Conference has already ratified the joint committee's agreement on the Randolph-Macon College status, and it is expected that the Baltimore Conference will do likewise, thus terminating amicably one of the most hotly contested controversies that has claimed the attention of both bodies in many years.

Major A. S. Lanier, assistant solicitor of the United States Department of Agriculture, is in Virginia for the purpose of examining titles of land which the government seeks to acquire under the provisions of the Weeks forestry bill. One of the largest sections sought includes the Massanutten Mountain area between the north and south forks of the Shenandoah River in Warren, Clarke, Page, Shenandoah and Rockingham counties.

Although he will not be five years old until next Sunday, Philip H. Gribb, Jr., of Boyce, Clarke county, has already undergone five surgical operations for appendicitis. The child has been at the point of death on several occasions, and he is now recovering from the fifth operation in the Winchester Memorial Hospital.

The War Department plans to make the new remount station near Front Royal the largest station of the kind in the United States, and much work is now in progress. In addition to breeding horses there, the government will do a great deal of farming, it being the intention to grow many of the crops which will be used as feed for the horses. Large quantities of ground lime, and fertilizer are being spread on the farm land, and Captain C. H. Conrad, Jr., the officer in charge, expects to receive over \$1,000 worth of agricultural implements within a few days. The new station has been opened in Front Royal, at which applicants for positions register their names. John T. Sloan has been transferred from New London, Conn., to superintend all the construction work. Torrey Clarence E. Martin, of Martinsburg, Va., is to appear before two committees of the Winchester Common Council to-morrow night and explain in detail the application he recently made, on behalf of a company of capitalists, for an electric railway franchise in this city. It is proposed to extend the electric railway system from Hagerstown to Martinsburg and through Berkeley and Frederick counties to Winchester, penetrating the rich apple sections of each county. Some opposition to the granting of franchises has developed. For instance, a well known young Winchester white man, who was recently indicted for maintaining a place in the heart of the business section in which liquor is alleged to have been stored for distribution among certain individuals, members of what are known as "turkey parties," has entered a plea of not guilty, but Mayor Baker fined him \$500 and costs, from which he appealed to the Corporation Court. His case will be called to-morrow in the higher court, along with several others who appealed from the Mayor's Court.

Veterinarians have succeeded in controlling the disease known as forage poison, which recently broke out among a large number of horses in the western section of Frederick county, causing the death of some of the best known. During the past week, however, no death has been reported from the disease, and horses which were given prompt treatment are recovering.

ing. During the past fall and winter the disease killed many horses in Shenandoah, Rockingham, Page and Augusta counties.

Steady rains during the past few days have caused many of the streams to rise rapidly. The Shenandoah River has been on a rampage since Friday morning, but no serious damage has been reported, although it has overflowed its banks in several places. Many of the creeks west of Winchester which are usually small streams have become raging torrents. Some of the county mail carriers were unable to reach the local post-office, and many people who came to town in the morning were unable to cross various streams when they started for home in the evening.

Now that the severe winter weather is over, contractors who were forced to stop work on railroad improvements at Cumbo in January, have resumed labor, and several large steam shovels are excavating for the various buildings to be erected by the Baltimore and Ohio and the Cumberland Valley Railroads. Additional tracks are also to be laid from Martinsburg to Cumbo.

While attempting to alight from a moving freight train on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at Duffield, a few days ago, Walter Lawson fell under the cars, and was so horribly mangled that he died in a storeroom within two hours. He was twenty-six years old, and is survived by his parents and one brother. His remains were taken to the family's old home at Front Royal, for interment.

The Afton Inn Hotel property, situated on Main Street, at Front Royal, has been sold by E. D. Laws, to H. B. Mims & Son, of Leesburg, Va., who will take possession of the same on April 1. The consideration is stated to have been \$12,000.

Odus Maury, son of John W. Maury, living at Winchester, Frederick county, was caught in sawmill machinery yesterday and hurled thirty feet away, falling heavily upon the ground and fracturing an arm. He also suffered internal injuries, and is in a precarious condition.

Letter carriers of Winchester who have kept a record for a week of mail delivered by them have estimated that about 6,200 persons are served by them in this city, although the government census gives Winchester's population as 5,864.

SI-MPLY BOND ISSUES.

Measures Passed by Legislature of Interest in Fairfax and Loudoun.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Leesburg, Va., March 17.—Two bills of importance to those interested in road road movement in Fairfax and Loudoun counties were passed by the General Assembly just adjourned. One relating to the amendment of the present law relating to the issue of bonds for road purposes so that a district may issue bonds on a bond issue alone, as heretofore. This simplifies the bond issue business very much, and is of vital interest to the promoters of the proposed bond issue in some localities. The other bill relates to the construction of an adequate system of macadam roads.

The other bill rehabilitates the charter of the Washington and Leesburg Turnpike company, under which that company was given authority to take over certain roads in Fairfax county and to charge tolls thereon. The charter was amended so as to reduce the capital stock and also so as to permit the county to take over the road upon payment of the amount actually expended thereon, instead of by purchase of stock of the corporation as originally provided. The Washington and Leesburg Good Roads Association expects to acquire the rights of the charter, and under its revised charter, and to take over the old place to Tyson's Corner, there to connect with the Fairfax-Washington road, now in process of construction.

Loudoun County Women's Christian Temperance Union will hold its quarterly conference at Bluemont, March 25. In addition to an account of the legislative work in Richmond for the passage of the enabling act, there will be an open discussion on the topic, "What is the next thing to do towards securing State prohibition for Virginia?"

At a meeting of the Loudoun Hunt Club, Clarence Moore, of Washington, was elected M. F. H. Mr. Moore has gone to England, where he will purchase a pack of English hounds for use in the county.

The races at Burdett Hall, Middleburg, on Saturday last were largely attended and gave promise of success. There were many present from New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and other cities. But owing to bad weather and the fearful condition of the track, many of the local horses were kept in their stables.

PLAN CONFEDERATE MONUMENT.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Monterey, Va., March 17.—The suggestion that a memorial be erected in honor of the Confederate soldiers of Highland county is meeting with hearty approval, and the scheme will doubtless be enthusiastically launched and assume tangible and permanent form at the forthcoming celebration of the anniversary of the battle of McDowell on May 8.

The history of Highland, just published by O. C. Morton, shows that about 500 men enlisted from this little county, and inasmuch as some of them lost their lives in one of the memorable battles of the war fought within her own borders, it is regarded as a befitting thing to thus honor their memory.

Comparatively few of the old soldiers are living, but they are not forgotten by the sons and daughters, already there is a plan on foot to organize a chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy to take in hand and carry out this move.

The court lawn at Monterey is one of the most beautiful in Virginia, and it is the consensus of opinion that this would be the logical place for it rather than the McDowell battlefield, which is steep and more or less inaccessible. During the school term of 1911-'12, now closing in some parts of the county, the use of school wagons in the consolidation of country schools has been practically demonstrated, and to the satisfaction of those interested.

Doubt as to their successful and satisfactory use in the mountain districts, where severe storms and heavy rains were entertained, and the placing of one wagon in each of the three school districts of Highland was for experiment as much as anything else. The number of pupils hauled in from the neighborhood served by the wagon in Monterey District has been nearly double that formerly enrolled from the same section.

PASTOR DECLINES TO ACCEPT CALL

Rev. Mr. Lynch Has Decided to Go to Church in Missouri.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Farmville, Va., March 17.—Since the announcement made by Rev. Lynch, of Covington, that he would not accept the call to the pastorate of the Farmville Presbyterian Church, the members have been casting about for another preacher. Mr. Lynch writes that he thinks best to accept a call to a church in Kansas City, Mo.

The weather conditions in this section have retarded farming operations to a great extent, and the thing which causes no little uneasiness to the farmers in some localities is the leaving of negroes for the North. The fear is that labor will be so scarce that it will be difficult to prosecute the work of farming on the usual scale.

The Farmville Fair Association members have met and decided to hold another fair this year, and if practicable it is to be on a larger scale than ever before. The Town Council at its last meeting appropriated \$500 for premiums, and Prince Edward and other counties adjoining will be asked to appropriate sums to be distributed in premiums on agricultural products.

Much enthusiasm is being aroused in the Farmville Lodge of Masons, and instead of the few who have always regularly attended the stated communications, which are monthly, the lodge room is filled. On each of the occasions the members are entertained in a social way, and thus made to feel glad they attended.

Representatives of the Farmville Business Men's Association appeared before the last meeting of the Town Council and urged the creating of a publicity committee of that body, whose duty will be properly to advertise to the world the advantages and business opportunities of the town. The committee will be composed of J. R. Martin, E. L. Brambert and R. B. Crable, on the committee and appropriated \$50 a month for advertising purposes.

The Appomattox River, which was higher yesterday than known for many years, is to-day within its banks and the water and light plants have resumed operations.

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COLONEL MAPPING OUT HIS CAMPAIGN

He Has Decided to Make Several Speeches in Various Parts of the Country.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., March 17.—The first information concerning the plan of a campaign mapped out by the Roosevelt leaders at their conference in New York Friday and Saturday was given to-day by Colonel Roosevelt. He said he had decided definitely to make a number of speeches in various parts of the country in the near future.

Colonel Roosevelt said that he would not make a country-wide speaking tour. He thought such a thing inadvisable, and, moreover, the physical strain would be too great. It is his plan to speak in States where Roosevelt sentiment is believed to be strongest.

The speech before the Civic Forum in New York Wednesday night is first on the program. Later this week Colonel Roosevelt will talk somewhere on the East Side of New York, if a hall can be obtained. Early next week he will start on a tour in the Middle West. Three speeches have been decided upon, to be made at Chicago, St. Paul or Minneapolis and St. Louis. Other stops may be arranged later.

In the week beginning March 31 Colonel Roosevelt will go into New York, Boston and Concord, N. H., with possibly one in Portland, Me. A trip to Philadelphia and Newark is to be made during the week of April 7.

None of the speaking dates have been definitely fixed. The Roosevelt campaign managers are at work upon the itineraries, which probably will not be completed for several days.

Colonel Roosevelt to-day alluded to reports that misleading information in the New York County Republican Committee, that Colonel Roosevelt would not get more than four or five delegates from New York State, the colonel said.

Replying to a statement attributed to Samuel S. Koenig, chairman of the New York County Republican Committee, that Colonel Roosevelt would not get more than four or five delegates from New York State, the colonel said.

"I expect that we will get at least twenty delegates, and if it were not for the bad primary system in this State, we would break even in the election," he said.

The colonel said that he did not believe the Roosevelt forces would have control of the Republican National Committee, and that all he wanted from the committee was a square deal.

HEARD BY LARGE AUDIENCE.

Charlottesville, Va., March 17.—A large audience at the University of Virginia greeted Professor Mitchell Carroll, general secretary of the Archaeological Institute of America, as he presented to the university authorities and the general public the work of the institute and the proposed campaign under the leadership of the Virginia Society for the development of classical and artistic culture throughout the South.

The speaker was introduced to the audience by the reading of an open letter from President Alderman, introducing and commending the mission of Secretary Carroll to the people of Virginia and to the leaders of thought and sentiment in Richmond, where Professor Carroll goes to organize the Southern movement for classical ideals and the recovery for the great and good things of the past.

The lecturer gave a graphic account

of the work of the institute, showing stereoscopic views of the American schools in Athens, Rome, Jerusalem and (for American Archaeology) and Santa Fe, and of the excavations in Greece, North Africa and Central America.

A little nucleus of members of the Virginia Society has been formed at the University of Virginia with such names as President Alderman, Dr. Charles W. Kent, Dr. C. Alphonso Smith, Dr. Albert Lefevre, Professor Fitzhugh and others at the head of the list.

FORCED TO ADMIT JAPAN IN ON LOAN

New York, March 17.—Enough of the unrevealed motives and hidden international politics behind the announcement made by Jacob H. Schiff on Friday of the decision to invite Japan to participate in the four-power Chinese loan syndicate activities was brought to light to-day to show that very pressing expediency and the conservation of the intimate interests of England, Germany, France and the United States in the changing affairs of China dictated the letting down of the bars which was announced by Mr. Schiff's speech at the luncheon to Viscount China.

It was learned on the highest authority that the determination to include Japan and Russia in the four-power syndicate only followed official protest by the government of Japan against the program outlined by the bankers' syndicate, less than six months ago. From the same authority also it was learned that the hurried inclusion of the two isolated powers in the schemes of the four-power syndicate was dictated through the fear of the four nations concerned that Japan and Russia, or Japan alone, would act independently to conserve their interests in the present disorder in China.

The following circumstances, vouched for by Japanese sources in close touch with the government of Japan, and behind Mr. Schiff's simple announcement of an invitation about to be given.

Last summer, when the terms of the loan agreement under which the first advance of \$30,000,000 to build the Hankow-Szechuan Railroad was made, a second loan of \$50,000,000 for the reorganization of China's currency was to be negotiated leaked out from Peking, Japanese resentment took a more serious form. Clause 16, of the loan agreement stipulated that the Chinese government bound itself to offer to the four-power syndicate first chance to take up all future loans that should be found necessary to carry out the general policy of internal betterment, upon which the Chinese government had launched itself with the first railroad loan.

"There was much agitation about the matter in the Japanese press," said a representative of the Japanese interests in this country to-day, "and the question was raised in the Japanese diet. Finally the ministry was forced to act. Protests were sent to the British government and the French government. These were in the nature of requests for more explicit information upon the scope of this binding clause 16."

"About this time there was a hurried conference of all the bankers interested in Paris. As the result of that conference certain concessions were promised. In Japan the nature of these concessions was not made public, but the official organ of the government adopted a much more conciliatory tone toward the loan question."

Other circumstances were detailed to-day in explanation of the reversal of the syndicate's policy. The more important of these were the restlessness of Japan and Russia's disposition to interfere in Mongolia.

GOOD INFORMATION TO CARRY AROUND

One Thing Which Does Not Become Burdensome, So One Can Always Carry More.

Did you ever stop to think that the more one knows the more he can learn? Learning only prepares one for more learning. Those who do not care to learn more, usually stand still; they do not progress.

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The question arises as to how to enlarge on such learning—how to increase it by the only possible way at hand to do this is by having always at hand a work of reference, such as The Times-Dispatch is now distributing to its readers these volumes for information; every volume of which is filled with just the information one wants for practical use. It is not necessary to spend years of laborious study to gain the desired learning; in fact, it becomes a pleasure instead of a hard task when one forms the habit of consulting these volumes for information; and you will find exactly the facts you want without reading page upon page of irrelevant material. Thus you get the information that is easy to carry around with you, for you will not be burdened with meaningless words. Every subject is handled in a simple, matter of fact manner that appeals to all.

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MAN'S BODY FOUND BY TRACK.

Relatives Think He Was Murdered and Thrown From Train.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Ataville, Va., March 17.—A mysterious death occurred on the Southern Railway, about a mile north of this place, Tuesday morning, and every indication points to that of murder.

The body of a young man with a crushed skull was found at daylight by the side of the railroad, about an hour after the southbound train had passed.

Magistrate Gasbee, of this place, impounded a jury and rendered a verdict that the man fell off or was struck by the train. It was learned that the dead man's name was John C. Fore, of Ellijay, Ga., and he was evidently on his way home from Massachusetts. Among some pawn tickets was an insurance policy for \$15,000, with premium paid to May 17, 1912. Communication with authorities at Ellijay, Ga., revealed the fact that the dead man was a nephew of Professor J. B. James, a member of the Georgia Legislature from Giles county, and principal of Oakland High School of some county. He came on Thursday, identified the body as that of his nephew. He left with the remains Friday afternoon.

Professor James firmly believes the young man was murdered and afterwards thrown from the train.

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